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# CLASS NOTES

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## 1960s

▪ **Arthur O. Peterson (MUS '60)** played trumpet with the Litchfield Hills Brass Ensemble on Aug. 28 at the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury, Conn. He currently studies with Matt Lee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Jay Lichtmann of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

▪ **Jerome S. Pietrzak (CSH '65)** has been a psychologist for 45 years. He is listed on CatholicTherapists.com, a database of therapists who incorporate faith and Catholic teachings into their therapy. He is also expanding his practice to include life coaching with a focus on weight loss behavioral management.

▪ **Stephen J. Zalinski (EDU '66)** received a lifetime recognition award from the USTA Southern Tennis Association for his 50 years of dedication.



» **Barry Jay Epstein (BUS '67)** and co-author Sridhar Ramamoorti published "Today's Fraud Risk Models Lack Personality: Auditing with 'Dark Triad' Individuals in the Executive Ranks" in the March 2016 issue of The CPA Journal. The article discusses executive personality types and the resultant behavioral/integrity risks as an integral part of risk assessment. A companion piece

appeared in the November 2016 issue of the journal.



» **Jerel M. Faigen (BUS '69)** was honored with membership in Northwestern Mutual's 2016 Forum Group for his commitment to helping clients plan for and achieve financial security. This is the seventh year Faigen has received the honor.

## 1970s

▪ Practicing attorney **Ronald H. Balson (JD '72)** has published his third novel, "Karolina's Twins." The book deals with an elderly Holocaust survivor searching for her childhood friend's twin daughters. It was inspired by a survivor Balson met while promoting his first novel, "Once We Were Brothers."

▪ **Frank M. Clark (BUS '72, JD '76, LLD '04)** retired from his role leading the BMO Financial Corp. board of directors in January 2017.

▪ **Sheldon P. Holzman, CPA (BUS '72)** was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. In addition, he was elected as the association's Great Lakes regional director and was made chair of the communications committee.

▪ **Robert A. Clifford (BUS '73, JD '76, LLD '03)** was named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is the founder and senior partner at Clifford Law Offices PC in Chicago.

▪ **Robert L. Hunziker (LAS MA '74)** is a freelance writer and environmental journalist whose articles have been translated into foreign languages and appeared in more than 50 journals, magazines and websites worldwide, including Z magazine, European Project on Ocean Acidification, Ecosocialism Canada, Climate Himalaya, Counterpunch, Dissident Voice, Comite Valmy and UK Progressive.

▪ **Brad Pierce (LAS '74, JD '82)** is a partner at Kramer & Frank PC, where he specializes in commercial litigation. He recently completed two years as board president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri. Pierce remains committed to the Legal Service Corp.'s volunteer lawyers program. For the past 25 years, he has provided free legal advice to victims of domestic abuse at Safe Connections in St. Louis. He also is a member of the Decades, a St. Louis rock cover band.

▪ **Anthony L. Ambrose (LAS '75)** is chief of police for the Oak Park (Ill.) Police Department. He joined the department in 1984 and has been deputy police chief since 2005.

▪ **Raymond L. Bergles (EDU '75)** was hired as second interim principal for Mercer County Junior High School in Joy, Ill., effective Jan. 17, 2017. Previously, he was a superintendent in the school district in Silvis, Ill.

▪ **The Hon. Nan R. Nolan (JD '75)**, a retired U.S. magistrate judge, has joined

the firm Redgrave LLP as of counsel. A nationally recognized trailblazer in e-discovery and co-founder of the Seventh Circuit's e-discovery pilot program while on the bench, she had more than two decades of experience handling a wide variety of civil and criminal matters in private practice, as well as with the federal public defender program.

▪ **The Hon. Anne M. Burke (SNL '76, DHL '05)** was named to Make It Better magazine's 2016 list of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Chicago. Among her achievements, Burke has been a teacher and served as special counsel for child welfare. In 2006, she was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court First District.

▪ **Paul A. Fahey (MED '76)** wrote an essay featured in the book "Equality: What Do You Think About When You Think of Equality," which was released in early 2016. Fahey is a professor at Alan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Calif., where he established a learning disabilities curriculum there.

▪ **John J. McGing (LAS '76)** retired in January 2015 from the Social Security Administration after 38 years of service. In June 2015 he was appointed by the governor of Maryland to fill an open position and reappointed in November 2016 to a full four-year term on the Maryland State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Hereditary Disorders, which provides guidance to the state's newborn screening program.

▪ **Steven M. Puiszis (BUS '76)** was named chair of the Center for Law and Public Policy of DRI—The Voice of the Defense Bar. The center provides an effective voice for the defense bar in the national discussion of substantive law, constitutional issues and the integrity of the civil justice system. Puiszis has served DRI in various capacities, including as secretary-treasurer on its

## COLLEGE AND SCHOOL abbreviation key

- » **BUS** Driehaus College of Business
- » **CDM** College of Computing and Digital Media
- » **CMN** College of Communication
- » **CSH** College of Science and Health
- » **EDU** College of Education
- » **GSD** Goodman School of Drama
- » **JD** College of Law
- » **LAS** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- » **MUS** School of Music
- » **SNL** School for New Learning
- » **THE** The Theatre School

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board of directors and chair of several DRI committees and task forces. He is partner and deputy general at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Chicago.

■ **Martin J. Block (JD '77)** was appointed chair of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. He served as senator for the California State Senate's 39th District from 2012 to 2016 and as a member of the California State Assembly from 2008 to 2012.

■ **Richard F. Burke, Jr. (JD '78)** was named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is an attorney for product liability and aviation law and a partner at Clifford Law Offices PC in Chicago.

■ **Curtis J. Crawford (MBA '78, DHL '99)**, founder and president of XCEO, Inc., was inducted into the Consumer Technology Association Hall of Fame for his work with the digital HDTV Grand Alliance.

■ **Michael P. Gerber (JD '79)** was sworn in as a Cook County subcircuit court judge on Dec. 22, 2016. Gerber has been a Cook County assistant state's attorney for nearly 33 years.

■ **Rev. Timothy M. Navin (LAS MA '79)** celebrated 12 years as pastor of San Marco Roman Catholic Church, Marco Island, Fla., in August 2016.

■ **Mary Sinclair Pearce (JD '79)** received a Pro Bono & Public Service Award from the 7th Circuit Bar Association for outstanding pro bono work in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Illinois. A retired attorney, Sinclair Pearce has volunteered at the Pro Se Bankruptcy Help Desk in the federal courts building in Chicago since October 2013.

#### 1980s

■ **William G. Dempsey (BUS '80)** is now serving as chairman of the board of directors at Landauer Inc. Dempsey will assume the role of lead independent director in 2017.

■ **Kevin P. Durkin (JD '80)** was named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a personal injury, wrongful death and aviation accident attorney and a partner at Clifford Law Offices PC in Chicago.



» **Jean Dziekan Lachowicz (CMN '80, LAS MA '89)**, who is executive director and a co-founder of the Spirit of Harmony Foundation, which advocates for music education, accompanied the foundation's co-founder and president Todd Rundgren (shown above) to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., for an 11-day artist-in-residence program. They conducted a workshop for area elementary school teachers about incorporating music into non-arts curriculum and launched a music program for children at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

■ **Michael T. Hengehold (MST '80)** was chosen as a 2016 Cincinnati Five Star Wealth Manager. He is the founder and CEO of Hengehold Capital Management LLC in Ohio.

■ **Victoria Noonan (BUS '80)** has been appointed managing principal of the Chicago office of commercial real estate services company Cushman & Wakefield. Her main responsibility is to manage the firm's growth and recruiting endeavors.

■ **Mary E. Foley (CSH '81)** recently was named to the nursing board at the American Health Council, sharing her expertise in oncology and hematology. She is a nurse at Loyola University Medical Center.

■ **Ira N. Helfgot (JD '81)** was sworn in as president of the Lawyers' Assistance Program on Nov. 3, 2016. The program's mission is to help lawyers, judges and law students get assistance with substance abuse, addiction and mental health problems.

■ **Joseph C. Hoesley (MBA '81)** was appointed to the board of trustees for St. John's University in New York. He is a former vice chairman and member of the managing committee of U.S. Bank, where he worked for more than 20 years.

■ **Janet G. Betts (LLM '82)** was named to the 2017 list of The Best Lawyers in America in the areas of corporate and real estate law. She is a member at Sherman & Howard LLC in Scottsdale, Ariz.

■ **Mary A. Dempsey (JD '82)** joined the board of directors at the Polk Brothers Foundation in December 2016.

■ **Michael Gregory (MBA '82)** published "Peaceful Resolutions: A 60-Step Illustrated Guide to the Art of Conflict Resolution," available on Amazon.



» **Catherine Lange (LAS '82)** was appointed in September 2016 to serve a three-year term as a member of the Wisconsin Arts Board. She has served on the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council in northern Wisconsin

for three years and is a graphic designer, painter and photographer.

■ **Dale A. Stinton (MBA '82)** will retire as CEO of the National Association of Realtors in 2017. Stinton has been with the association for 36 years.



» **Richard J. Daniels (MUS '83)** received a Bishop Quarter Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago for demonstrating consistent service as a layperson to the ministry of his vicariate, Most Holy Redeemer in Evergreen Park, Ill. A gifted musician, he frequently performs at the archdiocesan and its Office of Peace and Justice and other archdiocesan events, particularly those concerning the rights of workers and immigrants. He is a past board member of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

■ **Marshall R. Dusenbury (JD '83)** retired at the end of August. He has been in private practice at Dusenbury & Associates since 1983.

■ **Keith A. Hebeisen (JD '83)** was named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a medical malpractice attorney and a partner at Clifford Law Offices PC in Chicago.

■ **James J. Miller (MBA '83)** was named president and CEO of First City Credit Union, based in Los Angeles. Miller served the last eight years as the credit union's executive vice president and chief financial officer.



» **John E. Sheridan (BUS '83)**, senior vice president of McHugh Construction, and his team were awarded the 2016 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement, \$10-25M, by the American Society of Civil Engineers Illinois Section for the construction of Navy Pier's Centennial Wheel.

■ **Michael A. Glaub (JD '84)** was appointed an arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. He was formerly an attorney with Hennessy & Roach and has nearly 30 years of experience in workers' compensation law.

■ **Antonio R. Pera (MBA '84)** has been named president of Par Pharmaceutical, a U.S. generics operating company of Endo International PLC. Previously, he served as Par's chief commercial officer.

■ **Peter M. Vilim (MST '84)** transitioned from co-chairman to vice-chairman of Waterton, a U.S. real estate investor and operator based in Chicago, on Jan. 1, 2017.

■ **Aziz A. Virani (CDM '84)**, CEO of CLEAResult, joined Advanced Energy Economy's board of directors to support the national business group's efforts to accelerate the growth of secure, clean, affordable energy in the United States.

■ **Mark S. Casady (MBA '85)** stepped down as chief executive of LPL Financial Holdings Corp. after a decade-long stint. Boston-based LPL provides services to more than 14,000 independent brokers.



■ **Martin R. Castro (LAS '85, DHL '16)** has been appointed interim president and CEO of Casa Central, a social service agency based in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. Castro continues as president and CEO of Castro Synergies LLC, which provides strategic consulting services to corporations and nonprofits.

■ **Barbara L. Goworowski (MBA '85)** was promoted to senior vice president at Access Media 3 Inc. in December 2016.

■ **Mark J. Kaminsky (BUS '85)**, COO at Koch Food, was installed as the new secretary-treasurer of the National Chicken Council during its 62nd Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Kaminsky joined Koch Foods in 1990.

■ **Gregory T. Schiffman (MBA '85)** is now the CFO of Lion Biotechnologies Inc. Previously, he was executive vice president and CFO of StemCells Inc., a cell-based therapeutics company, where he oversaw all activities related to finance and accounting, information technology and corporate communications.

■ **Mark Castaneda (BUS '86, MST '94)** presented at the Midwest IDEAS Investor Conference on Aug. 31, 2016. He is chief financial officer at Primo Water Corp. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

■ **Elaine M. Drikakis (LAS '86, LAS MS '92)** is director of development for the DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville, Ill. She has served as a major gifts and family foundations philanthropist for the museum since 2007.

■ **Daniel D. Johnson (THE '86)** made his Yale Repertory Theatre debut playing Red Carter in August Wilson's "Seven Guitars." The play ran Nov. 25-Dec. 17, 2016.

■ **Jay McAveney (JD '86, MBA '02)** has assumed the position of CFO at Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh's largest law firm. McAveney, based in Chicago, most recently was CEO and managing principal at Chicago-based Legal Optimization Solutions.

■ **Yolanda C. Shepherd (JD '86)** has been named the regional attorney for the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) in the San Francisco Regional Office. In

her new position, Shepherd will assist Regional Director John R. Pannozzo in the investigation and resolution of representation and unfair labor practice cases filed in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. She began her career with the FLRA in the San Francisco Regional Office in 1989 and served as a senior attorney since 2001.

■ **Karen F. Sheridan (MFA '86)** is a professor of theatre at Oakland University. She was recognized by the Lansing State Journal and the City Pulse as the 2015-16 Best Actress in a Play for her portrayal of Betty in Christian O'Reilly's "Chapatti" at Williamston Theatre. Sheridan recently directed "The Brothers Size" by **Tarell Alvin McCraney (THE '03)** at Oakland University.

■ **Steve A. Varela (CDM '86, CDM MS '88)** is a professor and director of the undergraduate business management program and the international program at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind.

■ **Martha M. Wilke (CMN '86)** was named to Make It Better magazine's list of the

25 Most Powerful Women in Chicago. She is president and general manager at WBBM-TV Chicago and serves as a member of the board of the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

■ **Ralph N. Zarumba (MA LAS '86)** joined Concentric Energy Advisors as vice president in the regulatory consulting practice. He works in the Chicago office. Previously, Zarumba served as a director of the energy practice at Navigant Consulting.

■ **Nancy A. Krejsa (MBA '87)** became senior vice president of investor relations at Six Flags Entertainment Corp. in November 2016.



» **Jeffrey J. Kroll (BUS '87, JD '90)** was named an Illinois Super Lawyer in Super Lawyers' Top 100 of 2017 list. Kroll is a partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC and concentrates his practice on personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death. He has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer since its inception in 2005.

■ **Darance Petsod (LAS '87)** was elected to the board of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers. She is president and CEO of Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, where she develops and leads new areas of work and provides programmatic, fiscal and administrative oversight. Petsod is based in San Francisco.

■ **James R. Sappington (MBA '87)** is executive vice president of operations, digital and technology for McDonald's, based in Oak Brook, Ill.



» **Eileen E. Brassil (BUS '88)** was appointed to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Employee Benefit Plans Expert Panel. Brassil, partner at Chicago-based Legacy Professionals LLP, serves on the panel through a variety of task forces, including one that is working to develop guidance specific to multi-employer plans.

■ **Daniel L. Galante (BUS '88, MAC '89)** became managing director and global leader of transaction advisory services at Berkeley Research Group LLC, New York, in November 2016.

■ **Bradley M. Goode (MM '88)** is a professor of jazz studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He performed at Chicago's Green Mill nightclub in January 2017.

■ **David D. Hoffman (JD '88)** has been appointed Saginaw County's new district court judge by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to replace retired Judge Kyle Higgs Tarrant. Hoffman's appointment runs through the remainder of Tarrant's term in 2018.

■ **Bruce J. Lederman (JD '88)** was appointed president and CEO of Charles E. Smith Life Communities. Lederman previously held the position of chief operating officer.

■ **David J. Oriatti (BUS '88)** was hired by DiversiTech Corp. as the new vice president, HVAC sales. He will be responsible for sales efforts in the United States and South America.

■ **Aric L. Simons (JD '88)** was named chairman of the board of directors for LIG

## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

» **Kenneth Rosenberg (CDM '05, CDM MS '07)** married Alexandra Sakols on Sept. 22, 2016. Rosenberg works as a senior solution design analyst at Forsythe Technology, and his wife is a chemist. The couple resides in Chicago.

» **Gregory M. Maslowski (BUS '08)** married Heather Hannah at Christ Church in Highland Park, Ill., on March 18, 2017. She is the e-commerce marketing and planning manager for Fanatics Inc., and he is email marketing manager for EZ Links Golf in Chicago.

» **Sarah N. Lawson (LAS '09)** married Steve Clark on Dec. 17, 2016, in Louisville, Ky. Lawson, who holds a JD from the University of Kentucky, is employed by Phillips Parker Orsonson & Arnett in Louisville. Clark is a graduate of the University of Louisville, holds a JD from the University of Kentucky and is employed by Stoll Keenon Ogden in Louisville.

» **Kelly M. Montgomery (THE '11)** and Jonathan R. Nook were married at Rip Van Winkle Gardens in New Iberia, La., on Sept. 4, 2016. He is a resident stage manager at the

Goodman Theatre, and she stage manages shows in Chicago and New York. The couple resides in Chicago.

» **Brittany L. Williams (LAS MA '12)** married Rocky Jess Williams on Sept. 24, 2016, at the DANK House German-American Cultural Center in Chicago. She is an editorial manager at Leff Communications in Chicago. The couple lives in Chicago.

» **Levi Kagan (BUS '13)** and Sarah Lindsay Hepner were married on Sept. 18, 2016, in Chicago. Kagan is a certified public accountant. The couple lives in Chicago.

» **Jeremiah W. Reece (JD '13)** married Kimberly Boyle in September 2016 on an island off of Portland, Maine. Reece is an attorney with Abney & McCarty PLLC in Louisville, Ky., and Kimberly is the owner of the specialty dog store Barkstown Road.

» **Lauren R. Ratcliff (CMN MA '15)** married Matthew James Sulkowski on Oct. 8, 2016, at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, Ind. Ratcliff is a human resource business partner at Enova International Inc. in Chicago.

Assets Inc. Simons is the founder of Aric Simons & Associates of Chicago, which focuses on contract law in the entertainment and real estate industries.

■ **Ann Frischkorn Chenoweth (MBA '89)** was elected president of the American Health Information Management Association's 2017 board of directors. Her one-year term began in January 2017. Chenoweth is the senior director of industry for 3M Health Information Systems.

■ **Anne R. Pramaggiore (JD '89, DHL '11)** was named chair of the Chicago Federal Reserve System board of directors for 2017. She is president and CEO of ComEd.

■ **David K. Springmann (MBA '89)** retired as CFO of Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities Inc., which ends his 39-year career in accounting.

## 1990s

■ **Kate Gebo (BUS '90)** is now senior vice president of customer service delivery for United Airlines. In this newly created position, Gebo will oversee all of United's customer-facing teams, from booking to landing.

■ **Susan H. Wallace (MBA '90)** was appointed vice president for finance and administration at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. She began her new role in January 2017.

■ **John L. Fioti (JD '91)** was hired as counsel to Roscich & Martel Law Firm, LLC, in Naperville, Ill. Fioti primarily focuses his practice in the areas of criminal law, traffic and DUI law. Fioti is a chair-qualified arbitrator for the circuit courts of DuPage, Cook and Kane counties. He is city prosecutor to the City of Oakbrook Terrace and is the administrative adjudicator for the Village of Carol Stream.

■ **Scott D. McKibben (BUS '91)** is chief investment officer and managing principal of Brennan

Investment Group, LLC, a Chicago-based private real estate investment firm.

■ **Dean K. Nishina (BUS MS '91)** was named executive director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of Consumer Advocacy, effective Jan. 1, 2017. He had served as acting executive director since Sept. 1, 2016.

■ **Tatiana M. Weinstein (LAS '91)** is the new director of the Lisle (Ill.) Library. She has worked for the library since 1999.

■ **Brian W. Zempel (MBA '91)** is now president of Bridgestone Credit Division and chairman, CEO and president of Credit First National Association in Cleveland. Both are part of Bridgestone Americas.

■ **Carey Cranston (LAS '92)** has become the inaugural president of the American Writers Museum, which opened March 2017 in Chicago. Cranston most recently served as president of Fox College, a private career college in Chicago.

■ **Ned Lynch (JD '92)** has been nominated by Gov. Charlie Baker to serve as a district judge in Barnstable County, Mass. Lynch is currently serving as an assistant district attorney.

■ **Hugh O'Dowd (MBA '92)** has been named CEO of Neon Therapeutics, which develops neoantigen-based therapeutic vaccines and T-cell therapies to treat cancer. Previously, he spent more than 20 years at Novartis in a variety of leadership roles, including chief commercial officer and head of global strategy of Novartis Oncology.

■ **Thomas S. Sharpe Jr. (MUS '92, MM '01)** performed at the Starkweather Arts Center in Romeo, Mich., on Aug. 6, 2016. He is a drummer best known for his work with Mannheim Steamroller and Styx founder Dennis DeYoung.

■ **Michael L. Bohacek (BUS '93)** was elected an Indiana

state senator representing District 8, which covers portions of La Porte, Starke and St. Joseph counties. A two-term La Porte county commissioner, he is an enterprise consultant at Echo Global Logistics and owner of MSL Services Inc. in Michiana Shores.

■ **Nina K. Holden (CMN '93)** has been recognized by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) with the Dr. John S. Lore Award for Outstanding Fundraising Executive. She was chosen for exemplary leadership as an educator and mentor, including her involvement in the AFP mentorship program and involvement with the chapter. Holden is vice president for institutional advancement at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

■ **Marvin Lynn (EDU '93)**, dean of the School of Education at Indiana University South Bend, has been named a commissioner to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

■ **Joanne Rosado (LAS '93)** was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court. Rosado works in the public defender's multiple defendant division. She also worked in the child protection and felony trial divisions.



» **Georgia Alemis (MUS '94)** was awarded the prestigious Cloyd Myers Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education from the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) in September 2016. She is the director of the Hadley Junior High School Orchestra, Glen Ellyn,

Ill., which she has conducted to first division ratings at the IGSMA district and state levels for 22 consecutive years. Alemis received the award from **Lisa Kiener Barnett (MUS '82)**, who is the IGSMA president and serves as band director of Lisle (Ill.) Junior High School.

■ **Wayne H. Heisler Jr. (MUS '94)** was promoted to professor of historical and cultural studies in music at The College of New Jersey in Ewing in August 2016. Heisler also was appointed coordinator of the college's honors program at the beginning of the 2016-17 academic year.

■ **Kevin O'Donnell (BUS '94)** has assumed the role of senior vice president, property/marine/global practice leader at Hylant Group Inc., in Toledo, Ohio. He will manage the practice and build strategies to further enhance the Hylant brand through new business growth and customer support, domestically and internationally within the Worldwide Broker Network. O'Donnell also will support the claims practice leader.

■ **Laura Brennan-Levy (MBA '95)** is the new program and event coordinator for the Village of Flossmoor, Ill. She has been an active volunteer in Flossmoor, serving on the board of the Cancer Support Center, as a volunteer in Flossmoor School District 161 and, most recently, as chair of the Community Relations Commission.



» **Bryan Dwyer (LAS MA '95)** was honored with the John F. Kennedy Service

Award at George Washington University on Sept. 23, 2016, by Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Peace Corps Chief of Staff Laura Chambers for his inspiration, commitment and above-and-beyond support to Peace Corps volunteers in the field. He has been with the Peace Corps since 2002, most recently serving in Rwanda as the director of programming and training.

■ **Joseph Leonas (LAS '95)** is the chief of police in Lincolnshire, Ill. He previously worked in the Bartlett, Ill., Police Department for 26 years.

■ **Judy A. Whitcomb (SNL '95)** is senior vice president of human resources, learning and organizational development for Vi. The company operates 10 continuing care retirement communities across the country. Vi recently was ranked in first place among large employers on the Sun-Sentinel's 2016 list of South Florida's Top Workplaces.

■ **John C. Lillig (LAS MA '96, JD '10)** was named a partner at Hoogendoorn & Talbot LLP. Lillig, who had been an associate at the firm since 2010, is a member of the corporate and litigation groups. He concentrates his practice on counseling for-profit and nonprofit entities and individuals on transactional, real estate and commercial litigation matters.

■ **Daniel Niemeyer (JD '96)** is the new fire chief of the Tri-State Fire Protection District board of trustees, based in Darien, Ill. Niemeyer is a 19-year member of the fire protection district and has worked as a firefighter for 33 years.

■ **Timothy J. Okrie (BUS '96)** is now chief operations officer for Stewart Information Services Corp., a Houston-based real estate company. Okrie will oversee



the company's daily operations, optimize operational processes and help drive strategies. Previously, Okrie was a senior partner within Deloitte's advisory services practice in Chicago.

■ **Sadzi M. Oliva (LAS '96)** was appointed as a commissioner of the Illinois Commerce Commission on Jan. 20, 2017. Oliva previously served as the general counsel for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Oliva is the first Latina to be appointed to the commission.

■ **Joseph B. Baldasare (LAS MS '97)** is now chief development officer at The Dayton Foundation, based in Dayton, Ohio. Baldasare is responsible for fund development and gift planning activities.

■ **David K. Bensema (MBA '97)** is the regional leader of planning of Illinois at BMO Wealth Management. Since joining the company

25 years ago, Bensema has been an award-winning, top-performing financial planner for the U.S. Private Bank.

■ **Anthony D. Cecchini (JD '97, MBA '97)** became CEO at JMG Financial Group Ltd. in January 2017. In addition to his new role, he also serves as the principal and is on both the executive committee and board of directors at JMG Financial. He has extensive experience providing advice on investment strategies, tax and estate planning, and retirement planning. Cecchini also serves as chairman of the Forever Fund Investment Committee for the United Way of Lake County.

■ **Brian Cluster (MBA '97)** was recently promoted to director of consumer insights and business intelligence at Pilot Automotive in Los Angeles.

■ **Shannon M. McNulty (LAS MS '97, JD '03)** was

named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a personal injury lawyer and wrongful death attorney and partner at Clifford Law Offices PC in Chicago.

■ **Michael J. Murphy (LAS '97)** now works as an associate attorney with Botto Gilbert Lancaster PC in Crystal Lake, Ill. Previously, he was the owner and principal attorney of his own law firm. He concentrates his legal practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, estate planning and business development.

■ **Todd S. Pugh (JD '97)** was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the organization's 59th annual meeting in Palm Beach, Fla. He is a partner at Breen & Pugh in Chicago, where he has practiced criminal defense for 20 years.

■ **Mike Sheridan (CDM MS '97)** has assumed the position of chief revenue officer at Tango Inc., a leading global provider of IT and telecom expense management software and related services. Sheridan is responsible for all aspects of sales, including direct sales, account management, business development and channel sales.



» **Richard Barrett (THE '98, BUS MS '01)** was promoted to the director of treasury at Rotary International. He also was awarded the chartered financial analyst designation by the CFA Institute.



» **Matthew Williams (JD '98)** was named an Illinois Super Lawyer in Super Lawyers' Top 100 of 2017 list. Williams is a partner at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC.

■ **Jin "James" Xu (JD '98, LLM '99)** was appointed to the board of directors of Boyalife Investment Inc. and Boyalife (Hong Kong) Limited. He is a practicing attorney and licensed CPA who has been the general counsel of Boyalife since 2010.

■ **Robert Yates (MBA '98)** was promoted to vice president of distribution planning at CNO Financial Group Inc. Yates is now responsible for all distribution planning functions for the Bankers Life business segment, including field compensation, agency relations, real estate and field support.

■ **Michael J. Casper (MBA '99)** is the new president and CEO of the Jo-Carroll Energy cooperative. He has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry, most recently at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

■ **Stanley J. Czaja (BUS '99, JD '03)** was named underwriting counsel for the states of Illinois and Indiana in the Midwest agency group of WFG National Title Insurance Company. Before joining WFG, he spent 12 years in private practice, focusing on residential and commercial real estate transactions and related litigation, including short sale negotiations, loan modifications and loan workouts.

■ **Erin K. Doyle (MED '99)** is co-owner and chief culture

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

**David Walczak (LAS '05)** and **Kelley Walczak (MBA '10)** welcomed their first son, **Dominic Francis Walczak**, on Nov. 18, 2016.



**Lindsey Carpino (LAS '07)** and her husband, **Charles Corella**, welcomed their daughter, **Madison Marie Corella**, on Jan. 5. Carpino is a law librarian at Sidley Austin LLP and Corella is an executive for PNC Bank.

**Jonathan Shore (BUS '06)** and his wife, **Samira**, celebrated the birth of their first child, **Jayla Hasanovic Shore**, on July 3, 2016.



**Christina Flores (CDM '11)** and her husband, **Emmanuel Espino**, welcomed daughter **Olivia** in April 2016.



» **Frank A. Sommario (BUS '97, JD '00)**, partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was sworn in as the new president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers on Sept. 15, 2016. The Justinian Society is one of the largest ethnic bar associations in the United States.

■ **Kevin A. Spires (SNL '98)** was promoted to senior vice president of risk practices at Hylant Group Inc., in Toledo, Ohio, where he leads risk practice areas, including property, marine, global risk, casualty, environmental, executive risk, aviation, property risk control, surety and claims. Spires previously led the property and marine and global risk practices.

■ **Donald V. Versen Jr. (SNL '98)** was named chief operating officer of Novus Law LLC, a global legal services firm based in Chicago, in December 2016. He is responsible for leading the firm's client services and technology solutions teams, as well as participating in its strategic development.

officer of Nurturing Wisdom Tutoring, which offers one-on-one, in-home, customized tutoring in the Chicagoland and San Francisco Bay areas.

■ **Steven R. Dyki (JD '99)** received the 2016 Champion of Civil Justice Award from the Lawsuit Reform Alliance of New York. He is an attorney with Russo & Toner LLP in New York City.

■ **Wendy M. Musielak (BUS '99, JD '03)** was recognized as a 2016 Emerging Lawyer in Illinois by the Leading Lawyers Network. She is a partner with the Andrew Cores Family Law Group, a division of Esp Kreuzer Cores LLP, based in Wheaton, Ill. She concentrates her legal practice in family law, divorce, child custody, child support, spousal support and prenuptial agreements.

■ **Paul D. Roche Jr. (MBA '99)** is vice chairman at ASUG in Chicago and chief operating officer for Network Services Co., an international distributor of janitorial, sanitary, packaging and food service disposables and commercial printing products.

## 2000s

■ **Jeffrey J. Antonelli (JD '00)** was a keynote speaker on Part 107, the new FAA commercial drone regulations, at InterDrone, the International Drone Conference and Exposition, held Sept. 7-9, 2016, in Las Vegas.

■ **Lorna Caputo (BUS '00)** joined Southwick Associates as an analyst and communications expert. She previously worked for the Outdoor Industry Association as a market and consumer insights manager and analyst.

■ **R. Linda Rangel-Campos (JD '00)** is executive director of Civic Legal Corps, a nonprofit law firm based in Chicago's West Loop. She previously served as an attorney in private practice. Rangel-Campos is also a board member for Taller de Jose, a community resource center located in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

■ **James R. Rowe (LAS '00, JD '03)** was elected state's attorney of Kankakee County in Illinois.

■ **Bill Shannon (MBA '00)** recently became head of the central region of HSBC Private Bank. Based in Chicago, he leads a team serving the investment management, lending, trust, wealth planning and banking needs of high and ultra-high net worth clients. He has more than 20 years of experience in wealth management.

■ **Michael J. Valentinas (BUS '00)** was hired as portfolio manager in the Chicago office of Advisory Research Inc. He manages sustainable dividend strategies for both global and U.S. mandates.

■ **Kenneth E. Yeadon (JD '00)** joined the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner in the Chicago office. Previously an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and a senior attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement, Yeadon focuses his practice on government investigations and securities litigation, internal investigations, compliance counseling, health care fraud, tax fraud and other complex business disputes.

■ **Joanna Bauza (MBA '01)** has been named to the Marquette University board of trustees. Bauza is co-founder and president of The Cervantes Group, one of the largest technology companies in Puerto Rico, with offices in Boston, Chicago, Madrid and Querétaro, Mexico.

■ **Mariann Gullo (CMN '01)** was elected second vice president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. She serves on the board of directors of Elk Grove Village Italian Sister Cities Inc. She is the COO of Gullo International Development Corporation, a commercial and industrial real estate development and management firm.

■ **Matthew J. May (MBA '01)** was elected principal shareholder in the Chicago

office of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., a national intellectual property law firm. He joined the firm as a law clerk in 2007 and as an attorney in 2009. He focuses on utility and design patent applications for a variety of technological areas, including athletic equipment, footwear, lighting fixtures, railroad technologies, light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and business methods. He also prepares and prosecutes trademark applications, and has been a member of litigation teams for both patent protection and trademark protection cases.

■ **Trisha K. Tesmer (JD '01)**, a litigation and appellate partner at Cassidy Schade LLP, was named as one of "Forty Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" for 2016 by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, publishers of Chicago Lawyer magazine and the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

■ **Marianthi B. Thanopoulos (CMN '01)** was appointed to the Arlington Heights Memorial Library board of trustees. She is the public information officer for the Village of Mount Prospect and the founder of Tharos Productions, a nonprofit production company.

■ **Michelle Wahl (LAS '01)** was promoted to partner at Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP. Wahl focuses her practice on asbestos litigation, entertainment and media law, and intellectual property litigation and transactional services.

■ **Nathaniel C. Walcott (MUS '01)** is now the keyboardist for the band Red Hot Chili Peppers. Previously he was part of the band Bright Eyes.

■ **Stephen L. Williams (MBA '01)** is national director of financial planning delivery at BMO Wealth Management in Chicago. In his revised role, he will continue to provide important centralized support for the Private Bank, which includes oversight of tools and technology, thought leadership and quality control.



» **Laura Zinanni (LAS '01)** was promoted to vice president, office of the CEO, of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, where she will serve as a primary advisor to CEO Edward T. Tilly, advise on enterprise-wide strategy projects and oversee execution of related initiatives. Zinanni previously served as CBOE's special assistant to the CEO and lead counsel.

■ **Valerie Baxendale (JD '02)** has joined Wolters Kluwer's U.S. advisory services practice as senior regulatory consultant. Baxendale has more than 20 years of experience as a corporate officer, attorney and compliance professional. Her areas of expertise include retail consumer and commercial banking compliance, and mutual fund and broker-dealer legal compliance.

■ **Christine T. Bunuan (THE '02)** wrote and performed in "Christmas at Christine's," Silk Road Rising's first-ever holiday show, which had its world premiere run Dec. 1-23, 2016, in Chicago. She is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and serves on its central regional board of directors.

■ **Jeff Houston (MBA '02)** has joined Navidar as a managing director based in Austin, Texas. Houston provides focused research on the SaaS software, e-commerce and internet sectors, as well as broader technology trends. Previously, Houston spent 13 years as a Wall Street analyst at William Blair, Northland Securities and Barrington Research.

■ **Mark C. Infanger (MBA '02)** is a principal and

global controller of corporate accounting at Ares Management LP in Los Angeles. He previously served as CFO for BlueCrest Capital Finance LP and BlueCrest Advisors LP.

■ **Carina Oлару (LAS '02)** is the director of the Latino Cultural Center at Purdue University. She previously served as an assistant professor at Monmouth College.

■ **Dennis C. Petrillo (MBA '02)** joined Autocar Trucks as the director of sales for concrete pumps and conveyor chassis. Companies for which Petrillo has previously worked include Putzmeister, McNeilus and Liebherr Concrete Technology.

■ **Mike Sweitzer-Beckman (LAS '02)** was hired as the annual fund gift officer at Edgewood College in Madison, Wis., in December 2016.

■ **Peter R. Tyksinski (JD '02)** and his law firm, Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba, hosted the 2016 Interlaw Annual Global Meeting at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo Oct. 26-30, 2016. Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba is a member of Interlaw, a top-ranked international network of independent law firms.

■ **Brian A. Vazzana (BUS '02)** is an assurance partner at BDO USA LLP in Chicago. In this role, he advises clients on financial auditing engagements and information systems testing and compliance. He previously served as a director for the company.

■ **Hassan Burshaid (MBA '03, BUS MS '06)** was named general manager of the human resources and administration group at the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait. Burshaid will be responsible for the group's human resources and administration operations of Bahrain and the bank's overseas branches.

■ **Aashish B. Dalal (CDM MS '03)** was named one of Crain's Top 40 Under 40 for 2016. In 2005, he founded ParkWhiz, which makes smartphone-enabled, on-demand connections between drivers and big-city



garages. In 2016, ParkWhiz purchased New York market leader BestParking.

■ **Maria Guerra Lapacek (JD '03, MBA '03)** was selected by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to be his director of legislative counsel and government affairs. Guerra Lapacek presently serves as the commissioner of the department of business affairs and consumer protection.

■ **Ismael Rosa II (CDM '03)** is a co-owner and head coach of Outpost Crossfit in Gurnee, Ill. The fitness facility received Lake County's Community Support Award for its contributions and dedication to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center.

■ **Catherine Terpstra (SNL '03)** has been appointed president of the board of directors of the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors (MORE). Terpstra, a licensed realtor and mortgage broker, brings 12 years of real estate experience to her new role. Terpstra's one-year term started Sept. 9, 2016.

■ **Sattam S. Al-Gosaibi (MBA '04)** was named group chief executive officer of Bahrain Development Bank in December 2016. He has 20 years of banking experience in various financial institutions, including the Saudi-British Bank and Al Baraka Islamic Bank. He also sits on the board of several companies in Bahrain.



» **Zoaib Mirza (CDM MS '04, SNL MS '09, SNL MA '10)**, director of innovation, academic technology and multimedia at DeVry Education Group, received from the local Supporting Learning and Technology in Education

(SLATE) organization the SLATE Star Award for his leadership and contributions to the general community of practice in educational technology and promotion of SLATE.

■ **Zachary Mucha (SNL '04)** published "Emotional Abuse: A Manual for Self-Defense" in January 2017. He is a psychotherapist in private practice in Chicago and a clinical associate faculty member of the Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis.

■ **Ernest A. Nolan (MFA '04)**, an award-winning director and playwright based in Chicago, has been named the new artistic director of Nashville Children's Theatre. He assumed the position Feb. 1, 2017.

■ **Sally A. Washlow (MBA '04)** is CEO of Chicago-based Cobra Electronics Corp., a producer of high-definition action-sports cameras and accessories. The company was recognized as TWICE VIP Award winner for the WASPcam 9905 Wi-Fi Action-Sport camera in the Action Camera Category.

■ **Janai E. Brugger-Orman (MUS '05)**, a Chicago-born rising opera star, performed and taught a master class at Millersville University's Winter Center, located in central Pennsylvania.



» **Nicholas Ionita (CDM MS '05)** is now chief product officer at Joyus Inc. in San Francisco. He oversees product management, design and engineering for the syndicated video commerce company.

■ **Brent Kado (LAS MA '05)** wrote and directed Flowfeel Films' "A Short History of Drugs in the Valley." The film is now available exclusively on Amazon Video.

■ **Azeeza Khan (LAS '05)**, a high-end, ready-to-wear fashion designer based in Chicago, presented the spring 2017 collection of her line, Azeeza, in New York and Paris.

■ **Paula Sanders-Avant (MED '05)** was named an assistant principal of Power Middle School in Farmington, Mich., in December 2016. She joined Farmington High School as a guidance counselor in 2007 and was named interim assistant principal in August 2016. She previously was an elementary teacher and high school counselor in other school districts in Michigan and Illinois.

■ **Michael J. Cassel (JD '06)** was named to Crain's Top 40 Under 40 for 2016. Cassel serves as the director of global corporate citizenship in the Great Lakes region for Boeing. Prior to that position, he spent nearly two years with the Obama administration. Cassel now oversees several million dollars in charitable and sponsorship giving.

■ **Christopher DeMale (MBA '06)** is now a regional consultant in the Illinois and Wisconsin markets for WealthVest, a financial services distribution firm. Previously, he was a senior vice president at Bluerock Capital Markets. DeMale is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Society of Chicago.

■ **Hamzah Mohammedkamal Jamjoom (CDM '06, MFA '12)** recently directed an Arabic television series called "Wa-Mahyaya" ("The Ego"), which deals with being Saudi in the United States. Jamjoom also created the film "Balance," which deals with two aspects of ego.

■ **Patrick D. McHale (JD '06)** has been appointed director, associates and counsel, at Mestel & Company, a leading national attorney placement company based in Chicago. He is

responsible for the placement of associates, counsel and in-house counsel at law firms and corporations across various industries. Previously, McHale spent almost 10 years as a litigator.

■ **Ricardo Castro (EDU '07)**, an Elk Grove High School ESL teacher who created a leadership program for students, has been named the 2017 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois State Board of Education. His program, Estudiantes Unidos, challenges Elk Grove High School students to mentor their junior high and elementary school counterparts.

■ **Jonathan E. Cavins (LAS '07, JD '10)** was named partner at Brennan Burtker. Cavins concentrates his practice in civil litigation with an emphasis on medical liability defense and commercial litigation.

■ **Jason Fliess (MFA '07)** now serves as co-artistic director of Chicago's Stage Left Theatre. An ensemble member of the theatre since 2009, Fleece previously served as associate artistic director.

■ **Fleurette King (LAS MA '07)** is now the assistant vice president for equity and inclusion at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. King oversees the university's seven cultural and resource centers, coordinates cultural programming, develops and delivers related professional development, facilitates ongoing equity and diversity planning and assessment, and supports community building, campus climate strategies and equity and inclusion initiatives.

■ **Jennifer Lewin (MED '07)** has been appointed STEM coordinator for Evanston/Skokie School District 65 by the district's partner, the Northwestern University Science in Society Center. Lewin comes to the district from the Chicago Public Schools, where she taught science at the middle-school level and served as a science lead teacher and a member of her school's instructional leadership team.

■ **Cory D. Tiffin (MUS '07)** was clarinet soloist at the opening of the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra's 67th season on Sept. 25, 2016. Tiffin performed the "Premiere Rhapsody" by Claude Debussy. Tiffin is instructor of clarinet at Loyola University Chicago and principal clarinetist of the Las Vegas Philharmonic.

■ **Ivan Baublitz (MED '08)** made his debut as an author with "Dirty Laundry: A True Story." The book chronicles his 40-year journey from growing up poor in Chicago to becoming senior director of admissions at DeVry University from 2012 to 2016.

■ **Sheri G. Haynes (LAS MS '08)**, a debt specialist in the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Bureau of Fiscal Operations, has been honored with an RRB Award for Excellence. The award is the most prestigious granted by the agency to its employees.



» **Eric R. Post (JD '08)** was named a partner with Varnum Law, based in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Nov. 30, 2016. He is a corporate attorney advising startups, private and family-owned businesses, and multinational companies in the automotive, manufacturing, technology, retail and health care industries.

■ **Paul A. Rodriguez (JD '08)** was elevated to partner at Cantor Colburn LLP in Detroit.

■ **Ryan Wietholter (CSH '08)** passed his principles and practice of engineering exam and is now licensed as a professional engineer in chemical engineering in the State of California.



▪ **Kyle Davis (JD '09, CDM MS '09)** joined Patterson & Sheridan LLP in Houston as an associate. Davis works with clients primarily in the software industry and has experience in both patent prosecution and litigation.

▪ **Elizabeth D. Honold (LAS MS '09)** was appointed finance director at the Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland. In this role, she is responsible for developing and implementing financial accounting and investment procedures to achieve the mission and vision established by the foundation's board. Previously, she served as manager of investments and finance for the Cleveland Foundation.

▪ **Sr. Sophie A. Lado (SNL '09)** helped establish the first American apostolate of the South Sudanese Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus congregation in Phoenix. She is the local superior and also serves as the director of religious education for children at St. James Roman Catholic Parish in Glendale, Ariz. Lado most recently worked with women seeking self-sufficiency in South Sudan and Sudan.

▪ **Brian P. Rogan (MBA '09, BUS MS '10)** joined Associated Bank, Chicago, as vice president and relationship manager for commercial real estate. Rogan serves on the board and is treasurer for the DePaul Real Estate Alumni Alliance.

▪ **Jillian Sheehan (MBA '09)** now serves as CFO of Raise, an online gift-card marketplace. Sheehan is the former CEO of Textura.

▪ **Dennis R. Tomaszewski (MS '09)** has been awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is vice president of wealth management at Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Co. in Illinois.

▪ **Matthew M. Zuziak (CSH '09, CSH MS '10, JD '15)** is an associate at Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Chicago, where he is a member of the intellectual property group and focuses his practice on patent litigation.

## 2010s

▪ **Derek J. Barthel (LAS '10)** has joined the Woodstock Institute in Chicago as a research associate. He previously served as a research analyst for Northeastern Illinois University.

▪ **Paul E. Blom (LAS MA '10)** returned as a teaching fellow for Yale University's 2016 summer session. He taught the study abroad course Visual Approaches to Global Health in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mbabane, Swaziland. Blom has written promotional video scripts for Creative Cabin Studios. He co-wrote the short film "Marisa at Brunch" with Visual Epidemiology Inc.



» **Aaron D. Boeder (JD '10)** was named an Illinois Super Lawyer in the 2017 Top 100 list. Boeder is an associate at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC.

▪ **Marc A. Fiedler (MBA '10)** joins Avison Young as a senior associate. He brings eight years of commercial real estate experience and will help expand the firm's office tenant specialty.



» **Paul H. Frank (LAS MS '10)** was elected to the Lake County, Ill., 11th District Board and as Lake County Forest Preserve district commissioner in November 2016. Paul was previously elected

## Spotlight



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When **Tarell Alvin McCraney (THE '03)**, left, and Barry Jenkins accepted this year's Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for "Moonlight," not many people realized McCraney just won an Oscar for a story that started as homework.

"Moonlight," which won best picture at both the Oscars and the Golden Globe Awards, was adapted by Jenkins, who also directed the film, from "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue," which McCraney began as a class project while an undergraduate at DePaul and finished a few years after graduating.

The movie focuses on McCraney's impressions of growing up as a gay African-American boy but incorporates both his and Jenkins' experiences being raised by single mothers struggling with drug addiction just blocks from each other in the Liberty City neighborhood of Miami. Among the movie's ensemble cast is Ashton Sanders, who studied at The Theatre School.

For McCraney, playwriting is about giving a voice to the voiceless, opening up worlds that are seldom seen on stage or on screen.

"I think everybody in Liberty City, regardless of sexual identification, feels proud to have a movie that's about where we live, and that deals with the issues that we deal with, but doesn't ... make a miserable portrait of it," he told NBC News in a 2016 interview. "It still looks like a beautiful place. You still see that there are good people there and people who may do things that are less desirable, but who also have good hearts."

During his acceptance speech, McCraney dedicated the film to people who identify with its message: "This goes out to all those black and brown boys and girls and nongender-conforming [people] who don't see themselves [on the screen]. We're trying to show you you, and us. This is for you."

McCraney becomes the chair of playwriting at Yale School of Drama on July 1. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship "genius grant" in 2013, he is an ensemble member of Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago and Teo Castellanos/D Projects Theater Company in Miami. In February 2017, he was named best midcareer playwright by PEN America, a literary and human rights organization. He donated the prize money to the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center in Miami.

twice as a Highland Park, Ill., city councilman and served on the city council from 2011 to 2016. Frank works in public policy as the senior director of government affairs for WellCare Health Plans.

■ **Colleen A. O'Toole (MPA '10)** was hired as city manager for Durand, Mich., in January 2017. Previously, she was chief operating officer at CartoFront, a technology-based company in Chicago.

■ **Nicholas Campbell (JD '11, CDM MS '11)** was designated as a fellow of information privacy by the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Campbell is product and privacy counsel for Bazaarvoice in Austin, Texas.

■ **Jorge E. Diaz (MBA '11)** is senior vice president for global human resources for Fleetmatics Group PLC, which he joined in June 2012. Diaz serves as a member of the board of directors for the National Latino Education Institute and as a member of the Human Capital Advisory Council for a Better Chicago. He was honored in 2010 by the Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility as a Young Hispanic Corporate Achiever.

■ **Conor F. Linnihan (CMN '11)** is an account supervisor at Linnihan Foy Advertising in Minneapolis. His role includes creating compelling user experiences in complex digital markets. He was previously an account supervisor at Solve Advertising and Branding.

■ **Sravanthi Putumbaka (BUS '11)** is an investment banking analyst at Brown

Gibbons Lang & Co. LLC in Chicago. She previously served as a senior analyst at B.C. Ziegler and Co.

■ **Phillip Rodriguez (MPA '11)** was appointed deputy chief of staff for public engagement by Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner. Rodriguez brings more than 10 years of external affairs experience in municipal and state government to the administration.

■ **Phyllis D. Roman (JD '11)** was recently named partner at Giamanco & Oink, based in Bolingbrook, Ill. Roman represents clients in a range of legal matters, including personal injury, civil litigation, traffic matters and workers' compensation.

■ **Caitlin Barlow (MED '12)** is starring in a comedy series on the TV Land network. As one of the six women who

make up the comedy troupe the Katydids, she writes, performs in and is an executive producer of "Teachers," a parody of elementary schools. After earning her master's degree at DePaul, she taught English for a year in Japan and then spent four years teaching fourth grade in Chicago Public Schools.

■ **Karl Brooks (EdD '12)** was selected Region IV-East Outstanding Community College Professional by NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. He is vice president for student affairs at Oakton Community College, with campuses in Des Plaines, Ill., and Skokie, Ill.

■ **Kambium E. Buckner (JD '12)** was appointed to the board of trustees for Chicago State University by Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner. Buckner is the executive director at

World Sport Chicago, where he is responsible for overseeing the organization's administration, budget programs and strategic planning.

■ **Brittany M. Lewis (CMN '12)** joined the 24-Hour News 8 Team at LIN Television Corp. as a multimedia journalist. She previously served as a digital content producer at ABC affiliate RTV6 in Indianapolis.



» **Eric L. Marion (SNL '12)** earned his MBA with honors from Indiana Wesleyan

## IN MEMORIAM

Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

### Alumni

Joan C. Rieger (CER '46) » Shirley Basco (LAS '47) » Sol Yates (BUS '48) » The Hon. John J. Stamos (JD '48) » Walter E. Arlt (BUS '49) » Theodore J. Berg (MUS '49) » Joyce M. Pawlicki (LAS '49) » Gerald V. Radice (BUS '49) » Joseph C. Ciontea (MUS '50) » Arline Gaines (LAS '50) » George H. Henningsen (LAS '50) » Mary L. Lydon (CER '50) » Edward F. Pazdur (LAS '50) » Joy Thorne (GSD '50) » Robert E. McKay (BUS '51) » James E. Riley (LAS '51) » Henry J. Wojtyla (LAS '51, EDU MA '63) » Thomas R. Caplis (EDU '52) » Mary A. Castagna (LAS '52) » Morgan M. Finley (BUS '52) » Robert J. Hartman (LAS '52) » Morton A. Kier (JD '52) » The Hon. Louis J. Perona (LAW '52) » Patricia A. Karr (CER '53) » Chester

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J. Costanzi (MFA '92) » Paul M. Jacobs (MST '95) » Timothy J. Lawler (LAS '95) » Linda J. Frye-Anderson (CSH '99) » Jennifer L. Koutouras (MBA '02) » Richard Postrozny (SNL MA '05) » Jigar K. Patel (JD '06) » Ashley L. Anderson (EDU '08) » Samantha E. Pliska (JD '08) » Esteban Velazquez (LAS '08) » Tim F. Murphy (BUS '11) » Lucas A. Farias (BUS '16) » Robert W. Mikolajewski (CSH MS '16) » Mike O'Donnell (CSH '16)

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*Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away since the previous issue was printed.*



University and is working toward earning his DBA.

■ **Kelly L. Petersen (JD '12)** was named co-chair of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association's Young Lawyers Committee. She is a member of Anderson & Associates PC, of Schaumburg, Ill.

■ **Alexandria Srbinovski (CMN '12)** opened a marketing and social media management group called Sociallie. She also is director of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce and coordinates special events. She is working with many artists from "American Idol" and "The Voice" for Uniquely Thursdays, a weekly summer concert series in the suburb.

■ **Lisandra Tena (THE '12)** took her one-woman play "Guera" on tour in New Mexico and Arizona in early 2017, and will open it in summer 2017 in Los Angeles.

■ **Kristen E. Vanderwarker (MFA '12)** directed the world premiere of "Psychonaut Librarians," a fantasy adventure written by Chicago playwright Sean Kelly, to kick off the 2017 season of the Chicago theatre company The New Colony.



» **Veronica Appleton (CMN MA '13)** has published her first children's book, "Journey to Appleville," a tale of diversity, learning and entertainment. In addition to being an author of children's books, she is an adjunct professor of intercultural communication and

organizational communications in DePaul's College of Communication.

■ **William Arrington (MBA '13)** joined the strategy and product development team of CDC Small Business Finance in July 2016 in San Diego, Calif.

■ **Katherine Giger (BUS '13)** has joined Ineo, LLC, as its manager of global mobility. Her work focus is on global financial and compensation services, supporting the sales, implementation and onboarding processes for new clients, and the ongoing support of existing clients.

■ **Jennifer G. Griffin (BUS '13)** was promoted to Southwest Catering accounting manager for Oaklawn Racing & Gaming, located in Hot Springs National Park, Ark. She joined Oaklawn as internal audit manager in November 2014. Southwest Catering is responsible for Oaklawn's entire food and beverage operation.

■ **Lauren M. Kezon (CMN '13)** is a staff writer at the CBS Local Media 93XRT blog in Chicago.

■ **Julieta A. Kosiba (LAS '13)** joined HeplerBroom LLC's Springfield, Ill., office as an associate attorney focusing on civil litigation.



» **Mark W. Lenihan (JD '13)** joined Sims Funk PLC as an associate. He has experience representing clients in commercial matters such as class action defense, business torts, breach of contract, antitrust, health care and regulatory investigations.

■ **Talen P. Mack (JD '13)** is now CEO of Bravo Pawn Systems, an innovative leader in pawn industry software. A fifth-generation pawnbroker, she began working for Bravo during law school. She most recently served as Bravo's vice president of business development and has helped lead many of the company's strategy shifts, including the acquisition of CompuPawn.

■ **Tashara Parker (CMN MA '13)** joined the CBS19 News Team as an evening anchor in November 2016. The station, KYTX-TV, serves the east Texas communities of Tyler and Longview.

■ **Bradley A. Stephens II (CMN '13)** competed in the Illinois Open Championship of the Illinois PGA in July 2016. He is a general manager at MB Financial Park in Rosemont, Ill.

■ **Zachary L. Wardlaw (CMN '13)** was hired as art director of Scoppechio, an advertising agency based in Louisville, Ky.

■ **Tyler M. Young (CMN '13)** co-stars in "Eyewitness" on the USA Network. He has had small roles in "Empire" and "Chicago Fire" and has performed with Chicago's Infusion Theater Company.

■ **William T. Flanagan (CDM '14)** and **Matthew T. Flanagan (CDM '14)** worked as cinematographer and producer, respectively, on the music video for Zach Cannella's single "Jephthah."

■ **Shaeffer Holt (MFA '14)** is a segment producer for MTV's "Ridiculousness."

■ **Taj B. Simmons (CMN '14)** now serves as a video journalist at Time Warner Cable News in Raleigh, N.C. Previously, he was a multimedia journalist at KTTC-TV in Rochester, N.Y.

■ **Shannon Stone-Winding (SNL '14)** joined the board for the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of African Americans

in Human Resources, where she serves as vice president for programs and professional development. She is president and CEO of Shannon Stone Consulting LLC.

■ **Nicholas C. Wilder (CMN '14)** joined WHO-HD Channel 13 News in Des Moines, Iowa, as a multimedia producer managing the news station's online platforms and social media channels. He previously worked for Comcast SportsNet Chicago, in addition to holding several other sports media positions.

■ **Taylor G. Blim (THE '15)** played Hannah in "Grizzly Mama," a play by George Brant that ran through Oct. 15, 2016, at Rivendell Theatre Ensemble in Chicago. Her theatre credits include "Mary Page Marlowe" and "Sucker Punch."

■ **Christopher Bonjean (LAS MNM '15)** has joined the Illinois Supreme Court as director of the office of communications and public information. His office will coordinate with the Illinois Supreme Court's boards and commissions, the developing Illinois Judicial College and other groups to create educational and outreach programs.

■ **Jessica R. Linder (BUS '15)** is executive director of the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce in Illinois. She works in senior management with Hilton Worldwide.

■ **Alexis N. Moberger (CMN '15)** joined WLFI-TV in Lafayette-West Lafayette, Ind., as a multiplatform journalist.

■ **Genevieve E. Niemann (JD '15)** is an associate attorney at Patton & Ryan LLC, where she practices personal injury and insurance defense. She previously served as a law clerk for Schenk Annes Tepper Campbell Ltd. in Chicago.

■ **Brandy N. Norton (LAS '15)** graduated from the University of Chicago

with a Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean studies.

■ **Mary A. Parkhill (MBA '15)** recently opened a photography business in St. Petersburg, Fla. She is a full-time business owner and photographer focusing on outdoor family portraits.

■ **Yesenia M. Perez (LLM '15, JD '15)** is in-house compliance counsel for Innovative Benefit Planning, an employee benefit planning and financial services company in New Jersey. She previously served as an attorney at Heimerl Law Firm, a civil litigation firm.

■ **Maliha Siddiqui (JD '15)** joined Bradford & Gordon LLC of Chicago as an associate, where her practice is focused on family law.

■ **James Choi (MFA '16)**, who teaches in DePaul's digital cinema program, screened his microbudget film "Empty Space" at the 2016 Tallgrass Film Festival in Wichita, Kan. The film is about an overweight young man who goes to live in self-imposed exile in a small, rural town to escape the bullying and anger he has been exposed to his entire life.

■ **James S. Coy-Dibley (CSH '16)** started a publishing company, the Chicago House Press, which published his first book, "The General Chemistry Workbook & Solutions Manual." The book is designed for students seeking a guide through first-year chemistry courses or for those who want to learn more about the world around them.

■ **Zachary M. Ganieany (BUS '16)** is an investment banking analyst at Brown Gibbons Lang & Co. LLC in Chicago. He previously served as an intern at the firm.

■ **Eric Traphagen (CMN '16)** joined the WMBF-TV news team in Myrtle Beach, S.C., as a multimedia journalist.